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A common recreation among programmers has been the one-liner; a short program structures so as to be complete with only one line number. Indeed, the number is only necessary to allow LISTing. Since Sinclair BASIC allows lines of any length up to the limits of memory, the challenge is not as great as when characters per line are limited to 88, as in PET BASIC, for example. However, one must still structure each one liner to make maximum use of IF/THEN and FOR/NEXT plus other BASIC routines while avoiding GOTO and GOSUB.

This one line program produces a surprising variety of displays and also illustrates the animation possibilities of the OVER command on the T/S 2068. Let's have some more of these!

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10 INPUT "type a #, 0 to 50 ;"
;x: INPUT "How many repeats ? ";
y: FOR n=1 TO y: PLOT 65,27: DRA
W OVER 1;120,120,(x*10+9)*3*PI:
NEXT n
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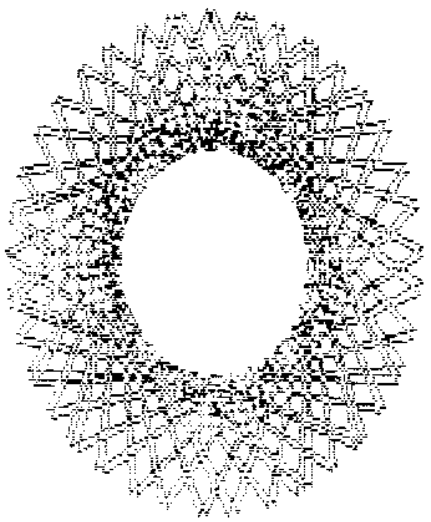

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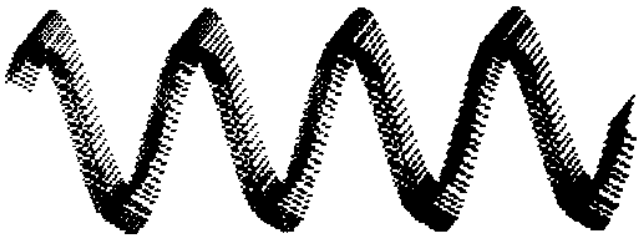

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Group Director Sue Mahoney opened the March meeting with a description of membership in the Boston Computer Society. For those non-member readers out there, BCS membership is $24 a year. Members receive a subscription to the society's bimonthly magazine "The Computer Update", membership in all BCS user and special interest groups, subscriptions to any two of those group's newsletters, as well as access to a variety of discounts and special member programs. To join or for more detailed information call 367-8080 or write: BCS, One Center Plaza, Boston, MA 02108.

Marty Warner-Dubay, formerly of Timex and now with Timex retailer Games to Learn By, reported to the group about the condition of the Timex community. Among many interesting observations, she estimated that 45-50 thousand TS2068's had been sold by then, 10-15 thousand more were in Timex's warehouse, and that 90,000 were still at the factory in Korea. Games to Learn By can be reached at 413-268-7505 in Williamsburg, MA.

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Annual membership in The Boston Computer Society includes all mailings from two user/special interest groups (attendance at monthly meetings is unlimited).

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- ☐ Regular (3 year), $62
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- ☐ Commodore
- ☐ Digital Equipment
- ☐ Displaywriter
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- ☐ Hewlett-Packard
- ☐ IBM PC
- ☐ Kaypro
- ☒ Macintosh
- ☐ NEC
- ☐ Ohio Scientific
- ☐ Osborne
- ☐ Otrona
- ☒ Sinclair/Timex
- ☐ Texas Instruments
- ☐ Victor
- ☐ Other _____

Sign me up for these special interest groups:

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- ☐ Business
- ☐ Consultants/Entrepreneurs
- ☐ CP/M
- ☐ Database
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Family/Home
- ☐ Graphics
- ☐ Investment
- ☐ Legal
- ☐ Logo
- ☐ Medical/Dental
- ☐ Pascal
- ☐ Real Estate
- ☐ Robotics
- ☐ Science & Engineering
- ☐ Social Impact
- ☐ Telecommunications
- ☐ Training/Documentation
- ☐ UNIX & C
- ☐ Other _____

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a 16K+ file manager for the Timex

ZX PRO/FILE is a machine language data base that gives you tremendous versatility:

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***files of any size in the same program run**
***single or multiple word search capabilities**
***ordered file displays**
***comprehensive programmable printer functions**

A 59 page manual comes with the cassette. In it are complete instructions, examples, directions for upgrading to larger memories, modifications, program listings, and a detailed explanation of how the program works. There's even an introduction to machine coding for beginners.

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Price: just $16.95 WRITE FOR INFO ON New 2068 Version!!

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Thomas B. Woods
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This is my last issue as editor of this publication. The demands of my career and other activities in the BCS have made it necessary for me to pass on the newsletter responsibilities to another.

Will Stackman, who has been active in our group from very early on, will take over as editor. I'm sure his personal touch will add much to it's value and depth. His broad range of knowledge about not only the S/T community but all of personal computing makes him a valuable asset to us all. I'm looking forward to reading this letter in the future.

This newsletter is important. It serves an important role in the Sinclair computer community. Now that there's no central exchange for users to communicate through (like Timex, SYNC, or TS User Magazine) our groups and newsletters are more important than ever.

Well over a thousand people read this letter every month. But it is now more difficult than ever to put it out on a regular basis. You readers are more than just subscribers to this publication. It is YOUR newsletter. It will go on only if you make some sort of contribution to it.

Write an article, review a product, write a letter to the editor, simply give the editor some feedback about Sinclair computing. All these things can make a tremendous difference.

Let's get involved! You can make the difference!

JGH III

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This newsletter is produced to inform group members of the agenda and logistics of future meetings, as well as to recap and amplify the information provided at the meetings. It also provides a forum for members and interested parties to communicate what thay have learned or developed relating to Sinclair and Timex computing. Meetings are open to the public (non-member admission is $3); however attendees are encouraged to join the Boston Computer Society (BCS) This newsletter is free to members. Back issues are one dollar each.

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING: The S-T User Group meets in the Large Science Auditiorium (Room 8/2/009) of the University of Massachusetts, Boston Harbor Campus. It is located only 3 miles from downtown Boston and easily accessible by public and private transportation. From the north or west, take the Southeast Expressway to Exit 17. Turn left onto Columbia Road. Follow construction signs to get to Morrissey Boulevard in the direction of UMASS and the Kennedy Library. Bear right on traffic island, get in the right two lanes, following UMass/ Boston signs. Turn left at the light into Campus. From the south, take Morrissey Boulevard northward to the campus. On the MBTA, take the Red Line (Ashmont Train) to Columbia Station. Transfer to the free University shuttlebus in the T parking lot.

GETTING SERIOUS WITH YOUR TS1000 AND TS1500

review by Will Stackman

If computer manufacturers would support manuals for their proprietary software of this grade they would not only sell more software but more computers too. If you want to make real use of your TS1000/1500 of ZX81 for spreadsheet use this book will walk you through both VU-CALC and VU-FILE(The Organizer).

The author supplies reproducable worksheet templates which allow the user to set up spreadsheets of surprising complexity or manipulate inventories.

One caveat: the spreadsheet template folded into the back is slightly too large to xerox on 8 1/2 by 14 (legal size paper). Have the supplied version reduced slightly on a fancy machine (for under a dollar) and then use that to make working versions.
We'll get into some detailed notes on Gettting Serious next month.

VU-CALC and VU-FILE (The Organizer) by Robert B.V. Masters, Robert J. Brady Co., Bowie, MD 20715.

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 10 FOR x=0 TO 65 STEP .1: PLOT
2+x*SIN x+125,x*COS x+88: NEXT
x
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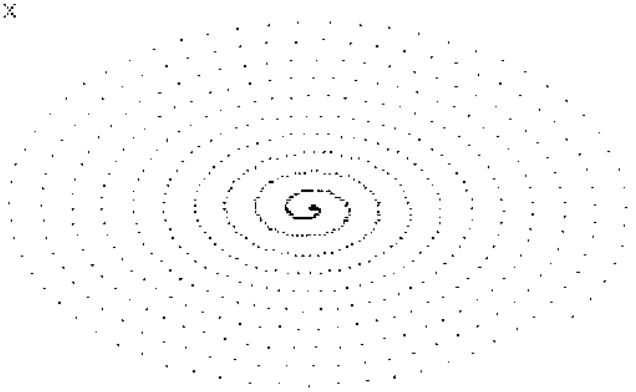

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 10 CLS : INPUT "Choose a #, 1-
255 ";x: OVER 1: FOR n=0 TO 1:
PLOT 65,27: DRAW 110,100,PI*x: B
EEP .5,1: NEXT n: PRINT AT 3,7;"
Any key to see it": PAUSE 0: GO T
O 10
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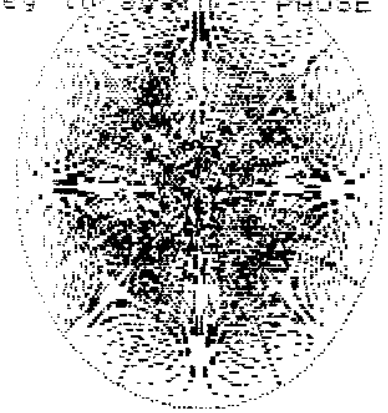

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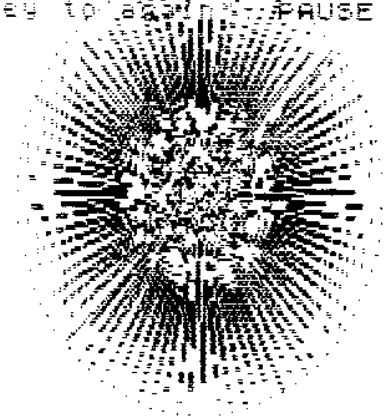

#=255

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 10 FOR x=0 TO 254: PLOT x,40*S
IN (x/10)+88: DRAW 10,10: DRAW -
10,5: NEXT x
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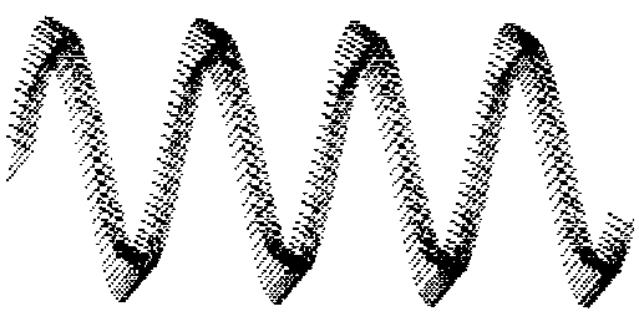

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Advertising space is available in this publication on a limited, first come first served basis. The rate is $60 per quarter page. At this time no other ad sizes are available. For detailed rate and discount information contact the Advertising Manager or the Publisher.

HIGHLIGHTS from page 1

Bob Masters, an original member of our group, spoke briefly about his recently published book about VU-CALC and VU-FILE. Bob has invited anyone interested in reviewing the book to get in touch with him for a review copy. Contact him c/o this newsletter or at the meeting.

Dave Wood, another faithful member, had his TS book cancelled at the last minute. He is thinking about self-publishing it. This reporter read an early draft and it's a great TS1000 machine language resource. Contact Dave at the meeting or c/o this newsletter.

It was reported that SYNTAX will try to continue publishing, subject to advertiser support. So tell 'em you heard about it in SYNTAX.

The Machine Code Group lives! It's in the process of locating a new permanent home. For up to the minute info call Jack Hodgson at 617-354-7899. Also ask him about the Machine Language Newsletter.

Finally, John Kemeny, who has been corresponding with other TS user groups for a couple years now, is thinking about trying to create an index for the 4 foot stack of TS publications he's got in his living room. "There's lots of great stuff in there if we only had a reliable way to find a particular peice."

To help John with this project contact him at the meeting or at the address listed for him on page 2.

OTHER SINCLAIR-TIMEX USERS GROUPS

Whether they are called Sinclair-Timex or Timex/Sinclair, User or Users or User's or Users', Group or Club or Society, there are a great many support organizations like our group located around the country and Canada. We know, because we've been keeping a list and exchanging newsletters with many of them. You can find these publications in our library.

When Timex closed shop, and Sync and Timex-Sinclair User (not to be confused with TS USER) magazines folded, the general consensus was that Users Groups need to communicate more than ever.

While we have scrupulously maintained the confidentiality of our list, we feel that at this time it is more vital that communications be improved. The following is a list of the most active users groups - groups with whom we regularly exchange newsletters, correspondence and phone conversations. In addition, a much larger list of users groups (and former users groups?) is available from John Kemeny. Just send him a SASE.

Group Name; Contact Person; Mailing Address; City, State and Zip Code

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Synapse;Bill Russell;RD 1, P.O. Box 539;Centre Hall, PA 16828
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Central Virginia Users;Herb Miller;Rt. 1, P.O. Box 192;Troy, VA 22974
Hampton Roads User Group;Jim Langston;146 Hawthorne Dr.;Newport News, VA 23602
Roanoke Area Users;Richard McGlothlin;P.O. Box 1165;Roanoke, VA 24011
SLUG;Gary S. Preston II;Route 1, P.O. Box 21;Glade Hill, VA 24092
Triangle Sinclair Users Group;Douglass Dewey;206 James St.;Carrboro, NC 27510
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